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1. DEPT ASSUMPTION THAT SOVIETS PREPARED PAY INTERNAL
COSTS OF OFFICIAL USDEL TO AUGUST OPENING OF METROPOLITAN
EXHIBIT IN MOSCOW, IN ADDITION TO THOSE INCURRED FOR LENIN-
GRAD OPENING, BASED ON PARA 7 REFTEL A AND SUBSEQUENT DIS-
CUSSIONS WITH DEPCULT MIN POPOV DURING HIS APRIL VISIT HERE.
SOVIETS, HOWEVER, GAVE NOTHING IN WRITING.

2. IN LIGHT MINCULT'S APPARENT RELUCTANCE FUND INTERNAL
COST OF MARKS DEL, AND IN VIEW FACT THAT CONSIDERABLE POR-
TION DEL'S PROPOSED SCHEDULE INVOLVES ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE
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MINCULT JURISDICTION, SUGGEST EMBASSY INFORM MINCULT USG

WILL DEFRAY ALL DELEGATION EXPENSES. ASSUMING SOVIETS DO NOT DEMUR, EMBASSY SHOULD THEN MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR DELEGATION AND WELD.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE CLEAR TO MINCULT, THAT REGARDLESS OF FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS, MARKS AND SMITH ARE THE OFFICIAL US DELEGATES. INGERSOLL

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